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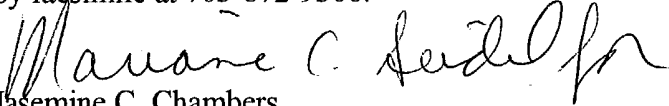
DECISION ON PETITION TO  
WITHDRAW THE HOLDING  
OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR. § 1.181 filed on July 30, 2004, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on non-receipt of an Office action and to restore the application to a pending status.

A review of the file history shows that the Office mailed an Office action, setting a three month statutory time period for reply, to applicants on November 14, 2003. A notice of abandonment was mailed to applicants on June 29, 2004. The file history currently shows that a response to the Office action of November 14, 2003 was timely received on February 17, 2004. In view of this, applicants are considered to have submitted a timely reply.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED** retroactively as the case is no longer in abandoned status.

Should there be any questions about this decision, please contact Marianne C. Seidel by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0584 or by facsimile at 703-872-9306.

  
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